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Territory of Colorado }
County of Park } ss

I Sylvester C Safford County Clerk and Recorder do hereby Certify that the within Records were Filed in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of the County of Park and Territory of Colorado this 29th day of August A.D. 1864

Sylvester C Safford
County Clerk

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We the undersigned John H Smith
C Griswold Swan Anderson C G Anderson
A L Lodge. J W Sheffer & H S Mundy
met on the 4th dy of July A.D 1861 and
formed Independent District on the Washington
Smith Mundy. and Lennigo Dely Lode
John H Smith was chosen President and
C Griswold. Elected Recorder

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For the purpose of Securing Peace
harmony Justice. and. Security to our
Property we the miners of this District
do hereby enact the following Laws.
by Which we all agree to be bound by
Laws. Passed. on the 4th of July. and amended
on the 28th of July. at a meeting called. for
that purpose

Article 1st

The Name of this District shall be
Independent District

Article 2nd

The Boundaries of said District shall be as
follows Extending two miles Each way
from the Shins house. on the Platte River
making the District Four miles Square

Article 2d Amended on page 4

Article 3d

The Dimentions of Lode Claims shall
be one hundred feet on the
Lode by fifty feet Wide

Article 4th

All Claims in this District shall be held as Real Estate after Being Duly Recorded on the Books of Records & paid for.

Article 5th

The officers of this district shall consist of a President and Recorder.

Article 6th

The President shall Preside at all meetings & he call a meeting of the miners of this District whenever Requested to do so, by ten actual Residents of the District said Petitioners Standing in a petition or call Stating the Objects for which the meeting is called and the President shall give three days notice of said Meeting

Article 7th

The duties of the Recorder shall be to Keep a true Records of all meetings in a Book Provided for that purpose which shall be accepible to all men and to issue certificates to all persons Prempting Claims in this District also to Record all Instruments of Writing proper for Record.

Article 8th

The fees of the Recorder shall be 50cts for issuing certificates of Claims and all other Instruments of Writing Presented for Record $1.00

Article 9th

Any person Having Here to fore, or hereafter filed on a Claim have five days to Record the Same in and he must be present in person to have his Claim Recorded unless the Same is done by One actual Partner

Article 10th

No person Shall allowed to file and Record for more than Two Partners

Article 11th

All Discoverers of Lodes Shall be Entitled to One Claim for Discovery and One by Preemption

Article 12th

All persons holding Water Power by Preemption in this District Shall Commence Improvements the Same within Twenty days from this date and they Shall only hold Sufficient for his purpose and no Water Claim Shall be more than One hundred and fifty ups and down the Streem

Article 13th

From and after the 28th day of July A.D 1861 the Laws above Enacted Cannot be altered Except by a two Third Vote and no person Shall be Entitled to a Vote except he has been a resident of this District ten days or is a Claim holder Herein

Independent District Col Ter. July 27th 1861
At a meeting of the Miners of Independent Dist
held at the Recorders Office on the 27th day
of July A.D. 1861. George Draught was called
to the Chair and A. Brainard Secretary
Moved and carried that the old Laws be
adopted.
Moved & Carried that the Resolutions presented
by A. Brigetary be Red Section by Section
and adopted or Rejected
Moved & Carried that the Preamble be
placed at the head of the old Laws

Independent District Col. Territory Nov. 4th 1861
Article 5th of By-Laws was amended as follows:
The officers of this District shall consist of a Presi-
dent and a Recorder, who shall hold their office one
year from the date of their election — unless a va-
cancy is sooner created by death, continued absence,
resignation, or removal for cause; by a two thirds
vote of the voters of the District.

Independent District Dam 9th 1862.

Article 2d of By Laws Amendment
Resolved That the Boundaries of this
district be as follows commencing
two miles South East of Timms House
at the centre of Platt River up to the
summit of range between the Heads
of Platt and Arkansaw Rivers Thence
with the summit of the range opposite
from beginning thence to the beginning

Independent District G. T. Dany 9th 1862
Article 14th of By-Laws was enacted the
9th day of January 1862 A. D.

Article 14.

For the purpose of more fully developing the Lodes of this District:
We the Miners of Independent District will grant to any person or Company hereafter preempting a Tunnel Claim; the right of way (and the Quartz taken therefrom) say (5) five feet wide by (6) six feet high through all discovered Lodes on the line of said Tunnel together with (250) two hundred and fifty feet on each side of said Tunnel line on all ~~Lodes discovered by~~ now undiscovered Lodes ~~Persons or Company~~; Provided: however, that the party or parties so locating a Tunnell, shall progress with said Tunnel at least (10) ten feet within (60) sixty days after Recording his or their Preemption; and that said Tunnel shall not extend beyond the limets of this District.

Tunnell preemptors shall further be entitled to (250) two hundred and fifty feet square at the mouth or entrance of said Tunnel for depositing rubbish; Houses, Mills, &c. &c., Provided: ground so given does not interfere with any prior claim. It is further expressly understood that preemptors of Tunnel claims, shall not preempt any claim not belonging to said Tunnel on the line of it.

This the 9th of Dany 1862 A. D. Henry R

Laws Regulating Gulch Mining

Article 1st

All Gulch. Hill. Bar. or Side Claims. Shall be one hundred feet Square.

Article 2d

All claims shall be held by the first record and shall be recorded within five days after feleing if not the claim shall be forfited.

Article 3d

All claims shall hold good until the first day of June 1862 they shall be worked two days in each week thereafter if not the claim shall be forfited.

Article 4th

Any person locking the water from the natural chanel shall return the same as soon as possible.

Article 5th

Any person owning tailings on another claim shall be held responsible for any damage that may occur.

Article 6th

Any difficulty occuring between miners shall be settled by a meet=ing of the miners called for that purpose or at any regular Meeting.

Article 9th

Any Gulch Bar Hill or side claim handed in for record it shall be the duty of the recorder to stake and number as soon as practable and receive twenty five cents for staking each claim to be collected as Recorders fees.